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# Super gaming town

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► London is quickly morphing into a hub for gaming companies



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As the saying goes, nothing breeds success like prior success. And that's clearly the case when it comes to the Forest City's burgeoning video game industry.

That's according to a local podcaster and an award-winning software and game-testing company.

Mathew Hoy is co-founder of The Games Day, an online video podcast, which celebrated its 100th weekly episode last week. Together with friends Ian Sullivan and Matt Constantine, they've got the pulse on the London community when it comes to games, trends and the industry itself.

"You get the sense of the people who work here that they're really creative people and they really care about the quality of the games they're putting out," Hoy said, noting local developers run the gamut from established companies like Digital Extremes and Big Blue Bubble to smaller ones such as Game Pro Studios and Half Bot.

In particular, Hoy said Digital Extremes and Big Blue Bubble have become so well known that the international community pays attention when they release a game.

"These businesses are attracting like-minded people and when you look at the community initiatives in the city — and especially the proliferation of gaming and its popularity — I definitely think there's an attraction there," Hoy said. "Like-minded people definitely come together."



► Mathew Hoy, co-founder of The Games Day podcast in London, uses an iPad game. Together with friends Ian Sullivan and Matt Constantine he has produced a weekly podcast on video games, including a focus on London's video game scene, for almost two years. They're hoping to create a social gamer community here.

Hayley Patterson, co-founder of The Ant Firm, an award-winning video game-testing company here, agreed.

"I would say it (the game industry in London) is one of the biggest in Canada," she said. "It's quite prestigious."

But why London?

"Having really solid companies is drawing a lot of attention from other folks in the industry, having those anchor companies is a really big deal," she said. "And the city is great to live in."

## COMMUNITY

### Make love, not Warcraft

The Games Day podcasters aren't just trying to keep online viewers up-to-date on gaming in London, they're also trying to bring gamers closer together.

Mathew Hoy, co-founder of the weekly podcast, said the

show's founders used to get together once a month and play games for 12 hours straight.

Now they'd like to bring that same spirit to the larger community.

"We're conscious of the fact that some gamers, like regular people, might not want to meet each other," Hoy said, adding during their 100th episode celebration last week, people wore Game Tags — instead of their name they'd list their favourite

game as a way to strike up a conversation. Hoy said they also want to expand a current, and growingly popular evening called Hello My Game Is, a night where gamers get together, talk games and "eat a lot of wings."

"We're trying to create a community and a network of people."

For more info, check out the podcast online at [blog.gamesdaypodcast.com/](http://blog.gamesdaypodcast.com/).

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Country music legend Emmylou Harris dedicates a new song to late Montreal musician Kate McGarrigle. Video at [metronews.ca](http://metronews.ca)



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## Gauze. And effect



► Valentina Jimenez, 13, left, and Raquel Pena-Hernandez, right, use bandages to wrap up mock casts for Krystal Abbott, 13, and Reilly Elliott-Walker in teacher David Groppler's Grade 7-8 class at Lord Elgin Public School yesterday.

KYLE REA/METRO

Docs of tomorrow, docs of day after

Grade 8 students at Lord Elgin received a visit from three Western medical students yesterday. The future docs were there to encourage the younger kids to think about medicine as a potential career choice.

# Electorate's verve recalls spirit of '68

► Dynamic federal campaign created a few surprises, says local expert



KYLE REA  
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The last time Canadian youth were this excited about an election campaign was back in 1968 in the midst of Trudeaumania. That's according to Paul Nesbitt-Larking, Western political science professor and elections expert, speaking on the growth of groups like Vote Mobs and activism currently found among young voters.

"Trudeaumania ... that really was the last time that Canada saw anything

like this on a national level," he said, adding that the interest of young people could translate into higher voter turnout, which in previous elections has hovered around 40 per cent.

While youth involvement has been noteworthy, so has the growth of the NDP.

"The NDP have been the surprise of the campaign to everybody," said Nesbitt-Larking. "They've done particularly well in Quebec, where I think they've attracted a lot of energized youth support."

But it's not over yet — a

lot can change in five days, Nesbitt-Larking said, as undecided voters either make up their minds or feel it's too much of a bother and stay home.

Regardless, local politicians in the London area would do well not to rest on their laurels.

"Given the way that the national campaign has worked in this part of the country, all three parties have got reason for optimism and concern," Nesbitt-Larking said. "I think this is one of those campaigns where people will be waiting on the edge of their seat until the end."

## Riding roll

There are four local ridings: London Fanshawe, London North-Centre, London West and Elgin-Middlesex-London.

- There are 21 candidates vying for the four seats.
- Two are held by Conservatives: Joe Preston (Elgin-Middlesex-London) and Ed Holder (London West).
- The others are held by a Liberal, Glen Pearson (London North Centre), and an NDP member, Irene Mathysen (London Fanshawe).

# Let students show you what variety is

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## Details

- **What:** Variety Is...
- **Where:** John Labatt Centre, 99 Dundas St.
- **When:** 7:30 p.m. tomorrow.
- **Tickets:** \$10 for adults \$5 for students at the door.

More than 1,000 students from across Thames Valley will come together in bands, orchestras, ensembles and choirs for a concert at the JLC tomorrow.

The annual event, known as Variety Is..., showcases the talent and range of local high school

students.

Every secondary school music department is invited to have an ensemble perform in the concert. Music teachers also form combined groups of students from various schools.

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# Collective lights fuse on new website

The LondonFuse New Media Collective has relaunched its integrated social-networking and publication website [londonfuse.ca](http://londonfuse.ca).

Launched in 2009 by a group of artists to help London's disparate creative community, LondonFuse.ca has since become a top user-generated information hub with more than 4,000 users and 14,000 unique hits a month.

"With zero resources, we have achieved something that every city across the country is trying to do," said Thomas Cermak, founder and web master of LondonFuse.ca.

"A lot of the talk about making London a creative city has been focused on importing creativity from elsewhere. So we decided to do something that would help promote the creative work this community was already doing but no one seemed to know about." ● METRO

# Be first on block to get results

On Monday, after you head to the polls to choose your next MP, Rogers TV Cable 13 will have the local results live at 9 p.m. Coverage will be simulcast on AM980 radio.

Anchor Nathan Smith, AM980 news director for up-to-the-minute results, will offer interviews and analysis from the four London ridings, Oxford and Lambton-Kent-Middlesex.

Political insight and commentary will be provided by an in-studio panel, featuring mayor and former Liberal MP Joe Fontana, Paul Nesbitt-Larking, associate professor of political science at Western, and former PC candidate Allison Graham.

Throughout the broadcast, you can share your comments about the election with the studio panel and viewers via Twitter, a viewer phone line and email.

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► Bilbo, played by Daniel Roberts, jumps for joy as Gandalf the wizard, portrayed by Stephen Gartner, confirms he's the maker of fireworks during the stage production of *The Hobbit*.

# Tolkien fantasy springs to life

► **The Hobbit, J.R.R. Tolkien's prelude to his epic novel *The Lord of the Rings*, to hit the stage this evening**



**KYLE REA**  
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A classic fantasy tale of elves, goblins, magic and adventure is about to hit the stage at The Grand Theatre starting today.

That's when a stage adaptation of J.R.R. Tolkien's *The Hobbit* is set to begin.

The *Hobbit* tells the story of Bilbo Baggins, a hobbit who prefers the quiet life and thinks adventure nothing but a bother. But that all changes when Gandalf the wizard and 12 dwarves recruit him as a burglar to help them recover their former homeland, and a mountain of treasure, from the dragon Smaug. Along

the way, and after surviving many dangers, Bilbo discovers his inner strength and becomes a hero in his own right.

"It's such a fantastic story, and fantastical story, we felt it could be really exciting," explained director Susan Ferley. "It's always exhilarating to have a

work that a range of generations can see and enjoy. And it's lovely because it will be a spectacular end to the season in terms of design and the creative elements."

The stage production stays true to the novel, although there are some parts that had to be cut out to keep the production around two hours.

The play was adapted from *The Hobbit* by Glyn Robbins.

"He's really mined those truly memorable things from the novel," Ferley said. "He's found a way to allow us in and see Bilbo's journey from a very comfortable hobbit, stepping out into the world and having an adventure and seeing his growth."

## Opening night

► **The *Hobbit* opens tonight and runs until May 26 at the Grand Theatre.** For tickets, contact the box office at 1-800-265-1593 or visit [www.grandtheatre.com](http://www.grandtheatre.com).

► **A film version of *The Hobbit* is currently in production.**

# Double death stuns couple's neighbours

A man and woman found dead at a Kipps Lane apartment were an estranged couple who had separated months ago.

London police had yet to release the names of the couple found dead at 621 Kipps Lane on Monday by press time, but AM980 has learned the victims are Ken and Connie Fuhrmann.

Just before 6 p.m. Monday, police found a man who fell from a 10th-floor apartment. He was pronounced dead later in hospital. After searching the apartment, officers discovered a woman's lifeless body inside. Police have yet to confirm what exactly took place and have refused to confirm if the case is being treated as a murder-suicide, although they are not looking for any suspects.

The deceased, Ken and Connie Fuhrmann, were married and lived together in Thorndale until they separated late last year.

Neighbours say Connie, in her early 40s, moved to London while Ken stayed in Thorndale.

Those who knew the couple from their time in Thorndale, just north of London, were stunned by what happened Monday in the woman's Kipps Lane apartment.

"They were great people, I've never had a complaint about them at all ... never," said Mike (last name not provided), who lived on the same street.

"My wife grew up with them as children, went to school here around this area ... everything was great."

Lindsay Baker lives on the same floor where the woman's body was found on Monday.

"I've talked to the cops all night ... I'd say that it's very sad."

Baker says when police first arrived, residents didn't know anything was wrong.

"It started out as a fire

drill so everyone came down. It was a false alarm but after that it turned into a lot of activity."

Neighbours say the woman lived by herself in the apartment, although she had recently started dating.

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## Post mortem

► **An autopsy on the woman's body was scheduled for yesterday, while a post-mortem examination of the man's body was scheduled for today.**

► **Anyone with information is asked to call the London Police Service at 519-661-5670 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).**

► **Tips can also be provided online at [www.crimestoppers.com](http://www.crimestoppers.com)**

## Now on the web: Last month's TEDxUWO

Missed out on last month's innovative TEDxUWO conference at Western?

Now you can check out presentations from all 16 speakers on the web. Last Friday, organizers posted

the videos on the website [tedxuwo.com](http://tedxuwo.com).

The conference, held on March 12 at the Grand Theatre, attracted 200 people locally and an estimated 15,000 people around the world for a variety of topics ranging from neuroscience to suicide among aboriginal youth.

"Our theme this year was own your passion," co-founder Arjun Gupta said, adding they wanted

speakers who were passionate and able to tell others how they acquired that drive.

Some of the speakers included neurologist Adrien Owen, world-renown slam poet Ian Keteku and Andrew Locke, CEO of the United Way of London Middlesex.

But while it may have had UWO in its title, Gupta emphasized, "It was a community event."

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## Imagine all the people voting NDP — Jack can

► In new ad Layton says he won't stop until job done  
► NDP just six points back from Tories: Ekos poll

ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS



Jack Layton is no John Lennon, but the piano-playing, left-leaning NDP leader is nonetheless urging Canadian voters to explore the boundaries of their political imaginations.

The party's latest ad, titled *Imagine*, urges viewers to think seriously about making a prime minister of Layton — a man whose party has never had the heft to genuinely challenge the Liberals or Conservatives.

It's a dramatic departure from the usual fare of animated cut-outs and low-budget Tory bashing, another clear sign that with opinion polls suggesting a surge in popularity in Quebec and elsewhere, the NDP is in unfamiliar territory.

No one, it seems, knows that better than their leader.

"We're used to ... having people come and be interested in our ideas, but then because of our current electoral system we don't get the number of seats that are warranted by the percentage of vote that we get." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



► NDP Leader Jack Layton waves from the steps of his campaign plane as he arrives in Toronto yesterday.

ASBESTWHAT?

### Thou shall not speak its name

Neither the name of a cancer-stricken Conservative colleague nor the word asbestos passed Stephen Harper's lips yesterday as he defended Canada's export of the deadly carcinogen that has afflicted Transport Minister Chuck Strahl.

Instead, Harper used a

campaign stop in Asbestos, Que., to promote his party as a stout promoter of a dying industry.

"The only party that defends the chrysotile industry is our party, the Conservative party," Harper said in French, at a seniors' home 150 kilometres outside Montreal.

Chrysotile is the name used by the government-funded industry lobby group. The Chrysotile Institute promotes white asbestos and attempts to soften laws restricting or banning its use.

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### Grits: 'The base is back'

A covert Liberal ground game has brought disenchanted party faithful back into the fold, Michael Ignatieff said yesterday.

The Liberal chief is confident those 800,000 Grits who stayed home in the 2008 election will come out to vote on May 2.

"The base is back," he said. Ignatieff credits his pavement pounding with winning back Liberals.

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# Sniper victims lay scattered in Syria after raid

► Army killed at least 22 people in uprising crackdown  
► World leaders ask authoritarian to show 'restraint'

Residents of the southern Syrian city of Daraa braved sniper fire yesterday to pull the bullet-riddled bodies of the dead from the streets and hide them from security forces, a day after a brutal government crackdown on the popular revolt against President Bashar Assad, witnesses said.

As heavy gunfire reverberated through Daraa, a Syrian human rights group said authorities detained dozens of people across the country, mainly in several Damascus suburbs, including the town of

Douma and in the northern coastal city of Jableh.

The Syrian army, backed by tanks and snipers, killed at least 22 people in a raid launched before dawn Monday on Daraa, where the uprising began more than a month ago. Security forces also conducted raids in the towns of Douma and Jableh.

World leaders expressed concern at the mounting bloodshed, with the United States starting to draw up sanctions against Assad, diplomats hoping to send a strong signal to

Damascus from the United Nations, and the prime minister of neighbouring Turkey telephoning the Syrian leader to urge restraint.

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## 400

A relentless crackdown since mid-March has killed more than 400 people across Syria, with 120 dead over the weekend, rights groups said.

## News in brief

### Former pope to be blessed

**BEATIFICATION.** Blood taken from Pope John Paul II during his final hospitalization will be used as the official relic for veneration after he is beatified.

The Vatican made the statement yesterday, putting to rest questions about what relic would be presented during Sunday's beatification.

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### EU centre still divided

**FALL.** Belgium marked an anniversary yesterday, but no one is celebrating.

One year ago, King Albert II accepted the resignation of the government. One election and countless negotiations later, the search for a new governing coalition is still on.

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## Remembering. Chornobyl



► Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich, right, and Russian President Dmitry Medvedev ring bells at a ceremony marking the 25th anniversary of the Chornobyl nuclear disaster in Ukraine, yesterday.

ANDRIY MOSIENKO, THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Defending nuclear power

Tough new guidelines could help prevent accidents like the massive Chornobyl meltdown, Russia's President Dmitry Medvedev insisted yesterday, defending nuclear energy during solemn ceremonies commemorating the 25th anniversary of the worst nuclear accident in history. Medvedev and Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich took part in a religious service outside Chornobyl's damaged No. 4 nuclear reactor.

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# Copper fever: Better than gold

► Demand for the hottest metal on the market is only going to get hotter as demand exceeds rare supply

More big miners are expected to follow the world's largest gold company into the copper sector as its price soars in response to China's growing hunger for the metal.

Canada's Barrick Gold Corp. took a bold step into copper on Monday with a friendly \$7.3-billion bid to acquire Equinox Minerals Ltd.

Copper is likely to hover at record prices for the next few years, because there isn't enough supply in the world to feed China's demand for the metal used in electric cables, cars, cell-phones and trains, says Patricia Mohr, commodities specialist at Scotiabank.

**"Copper is much more profitable than gold ... even with the record gold prices we've been seeing. That's why I've been calling copper the new gold."**

PATRICIA MOHR, COMMODITIES SPECIALIST, SCOTIABANK

The price of copper closed at \$4.32 US yesterday on the Toronto stock exchange, below the record of \$4.60 set in February. But Mohr said copper is still bringing in

"huge" profit margins of 70 per cent and more, while other metals bring in about 50 per cent.

Consolidation will inevitably see smaller players swept up as the major global miners look to get into the industry and diversify with little risk. The number of viable gold mines is thinning out, so gold miners have to look to other metals to grow their business.

Mohr said opportunities to buy smaller, established copper miners are rare, and with the price of copper so high, many companies could start bidding wars to get their hands on one.

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## Manitoba to invest \$1M in electric bus

The province is hoping the all-electric transit bus will one day be used all over North America. Premier Greg Selinger says Manitoba aims to be a leader in developing electric vehicles to help cut greenhouse-gas emissions. The prototype bus will be ready in 12 months.

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<b>Oil</b>  - 7¢ US (\$112.21 US)	<b>Natural gas</b> 1,000 cu ft \$4.39 US (- 1¢ US) <b>Gold contracts</b> \$1,503.50 US (- \$5.60 US)

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► Sony unveils its S1, left, and S2 prototype tablets in Tokyo yesterday.

## SAKU SAKU: NIFTY TECH NEW TABLETS ARE 'UNIQUELY SONY'

Sony Corp. is planning a tablet computer it promises will make the best of its "saku saku," or nifty, technology.

The tablet, code-named S1, comes with a 24-centimetre touch panel similar to Apple's iPad for enjoying online content and for email and social networking.

Sony also has an S2 prototype, a smaller mobile device with two 14-centimetre displays that can be folded like a book.

Both run on Google's Android 3.0 operating system. The release date is sometime in September, Sony said, but there's no word yet on prices. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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## JUST SAYIN' ...

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I am Canadian.

Thanks to a certain beer commercial, you already know what that means.

I vote with my heart since my head is only good for

parking one of those hats with earflaps. When I was very young, I voted NDP. Then, one day I got tired of wasting my vote, so I voted for Pierre Trudeau, even though he thought the West was something you flew over on the way to visit Margaret's parents in Vancouver.

Even though he flipped off Prairie farmers and launched the National Energy Program, which is why no Liberals got elected in Alberta to this day.

I had a brief moment of remorse and voted for Joe Clark, the favourite son of High River, Alta. But as Progressive a Conservative as Joe was, he was still a long way from Ed Broadbent.

So I went back and wasted my vote for another

couple of elections. Don't blame me for Brian Mulroney. I voted NDP.

Then I surprised myself and voted for Kim Campbell, even if she was going out with a guy who was trying to sell running shoes with springs in them. Of course, she was crushed by the Little Guy/petit gars from Shawinigan, and so at the next available opportunity, I went Little Guy, even though there was really nothing little about him. Especially his ego.

By the time Jean Chrétien was ushered off the stage, I had settled into a Liberal voting pattern,

which is probably where my heart belongs. I grew up in the geographical centre of Canada, Winnipeg, and from there, you can see both sides. Winnipeg elects a lot of Liberals, who can also see both sides.

Liberals are often accused of riding the fence, and that was certainly Paul Martin's problem — he spent his brief reign impaled on a picket, but I voted for him anyway.

So here we go again.

Stephen Harper? Can't sing. Never trust anyone who is a semi-tone flat but insists on singing in public anyway. Karaoke hog.

Jack Layton? Can't count. If we give him the keys to the Canadian economy, he will take it for a joyride until it runs out of gas.

Elizabeth May? Can't get elected. It's like voting Rhinoceros, just not as much fun.

My heart says to vote for Michael Ignatieff, who is one of the most well-educated guys ever to run for prime minister, but I guess summa cum laude doesn't get you to Sussex Drive.

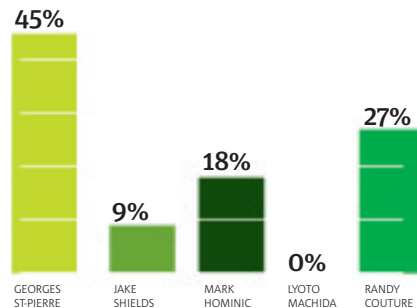
I am Canadian. It doesn't really matter if my choice wins. What matters is that I vote, because I can.

Read more of Paul Sullivan's columns at metronews.ca/justsayin



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Who is the best looking UFC fighter on Saturday's card for UFC 129 in Toronto?



## Local tweets



- ▶ @PillarNN: Know a community leader making an impact on the NP sector? Nominate them for a Leadership Award #ldnont #PCIA11 <http://ow.ly/4CQ-jE>
- ▶ @alixmahe: Going up to 19<sup>th</sup> today #Ldnont, but it will be a rainy one.
- ▶ @ForestCityRaces: Over 1,450 runners have registered! IT'S NOT TOO LATE! Visit <http://bit.ly/foAVua> to register today! #ldnevt #ldnont #runner
- ▶ @MegKashty: Move out day today. Mother nature, please please please don't let it thunderstorm until after I've packed the truck. #ldnont
- ▶ @garethbush: Got my highest university mark ever ... in stats ... the class I was expecting my worst mark ever for ... delightfully ironic #uwo
- ▶ @michelelee: Just walked to tims, and the line is out the door! Holy moly tims line in ucc doesn't seem so long anymore #uwo
- ▶ @BrentCDuncan: Cruising 'round #ldnont in Dad's Beamer. Now I feel like a real Western kid. #uwo

## #elxn41: Tweets

We asked: Turnout in Canadian elections can be quite low. What's a reason you wouldn't vote?

- ▶ @jen2sen: I am voting but really they are all the same why can't politicians work together for the greater good?
- ▶ @megelizah: I don't like the choices & I don't just want to pick the one I dislike the least ... So maybe I'll just spoil my ballot?
- ▶ @timwadephul: Ignorance. It can be really hard to find proper/unbiased information about not just party leaders, but local representatives
- ▶ @brittanymaria: Informed voting and political engagement is so important but I think many people feel alienated by the political parties.
- ▶ @stevequinton: I'm voting but if I didn't it would be because politicians are all elitist a-holes. They only care about their careers.
- ▶ @lor1b3nn3tt: Frustration with who to vote for. & it would be nice to vote directly for our pm instead of the way we do it in Canada.
- ▶ @jla30: Don't like the candidates #elxn41

## Cartoon by Michael de Adder



## WEIRD NEWS

## Handing the keys over to a new generation

No more hieroglyphics. No more quill pen and inkwell. Now the mechanical typewriter may be on the endangered list.

The owners of the world's last remaining mechanical typewriter factory have shut the plant's doors because of declining orders, CBC News reports.

Godrej & Boyce Manufacturing Co. Ltd. has shuttered its facility in Mum-

bai, India, where, as recently as 2009, the company was making 12,000 mechanical typewriters per year.

"We are not getting many orders now," general manager Milind Dukle told India's Business Standard newspaper. "This might be the last chance for typewriter lovers."

Mechanical typewriters are prized in India for their ease, efficiency and durability. As many as 400 million Indians lack reliable electricity, so the devices were widely used in the courts and government bureaucracy.

The first commercial mechanical typewriter was produced in the U.S. in 1867. The devices pioneered the QWERTY keyboard layout that is now ubiquitous on personal computers and smartphones. ● METRO



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## An idiot's guide to the Royals

► Who's who in the Windsor family? ► Here's everything you need to know

**Position:** Her Royal Highness, The Queen  
**Who?** Became Queen at 25. Head of State for the U.K. and 15 other Commonwealth realms including Canada, patron of more than 600 charities, advises the government.  
**Scandal:** Consistently dignified, although her dislike for Princess Di was made public.



Her Majesty the Queen

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Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh

**Position:** Husband to The Queen  
**Who?** Accompanies The Queen on her duties. Patron or president of 800-plus organizations.  
**Scandal:** Infamous for embarrassing gaffes like asking an Aboriginal person whether they still throw spears on a state visit to Australia.

Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall



**Position:** Second wife of Prince Charles  
**Who?** Married Charles in 2005, and supports him in his duties.  
**Scandal:** Unglamorous but jolly second wife of Prince Charles.

Charles, Prince of Wales



Princess Anne



Prince Andrew, Duke of York



Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex



Diana, Princess of Wales



**Position:** Late ex-wife of Prince Charles  
**Who?** Hugely popular and glamorous, committed to her daring charity work with AIDS-sufferers and anti-land-mine organizations. Divorced Charles in 1996, died in 1997.

**Position:** The Queen's oldest son  
**Who?** Runs umbrella group of 20 charities, patron to 400.  
**Scandal:** Had affair with his old flame Camilla Parker-Bowles, their intimate relationship revealed in phone call transcripts in which he said he wished he were her tampon.

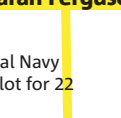
**Position:** The Queen's only daughter  
**Who?** Low-key but prolific. President of Save the Children, and patron of more than 320 organizations and charities.  
**Scandal:** Has two children, Zara Philips and Peter Philips



Zara Philips

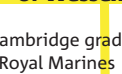
**Position:** The Queen's middle son  
**Who?** A Royal Navy helicopter pilot for 22 years.  
**Scandal:** Nicknamed Randy Andy in the '80s for a string of glamorous girlfriends. Most recently his role as trade envoy is threatened by links to billionaire Jeffery Epstein convicted of underage sex.

Sarah Ferguson



**Position:** The Queen's youngest son  
**Who?** An unacademic Cambridge graduate who left Royal Marines early to work in the theatre.  
**Scandal:** Long rumoured to be gay. In 1986 his TV company produced embarrassing TV charity game show, It's a Royal Knockout.

Sophie, Countess of Wessex



Prince Harry



**Position:** Youngest son of Prince Charles  
**Who?** Has trained as a tank commander, and currently training as a helicopter pilot with the army.  
**Scandal:** General drunkenness, dressing as a Nazi at a fancy dress party.

Prince William



**Position:** Oldest son of Prince Charles  
**Who?** Helicopter pilot for the RAF, has also followed in his mother's footsteps supporting homeless and AIDS charities.  
**Scandal:** Relatively clean, although chastised for flying helicopter to friend's party.

Kate Middleton



**Position:** Fiancee of William  
**Who?** Attractive royal bride-to-be. Worked for her parents' online party shop until her engagement.  
**Scandal:** Allegedly her mother pushed her to attend St. Andrews University in order to meet her prince charming.

Princess Beatrice and Princess Eugenie



**Position:** Children  
**Who?** Party-going student daughters often photographed falling out of high-society clubs.

Lady Louise and Viscount Severn



**Position:** Children  
**Who?** Kept out of the media glare.

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## Wedding tweets

Hopefully Kate and William's marriage will mark a new generation of royal marriages. Marriages in the previous generation are too-often far from happy. Three of Queen Elizabeth's four children have divorced.



Follow Wedding-bells Allison McGill as she tweets live from London before, during and after the royal nuptials on Friday at metronews.ca/royalwedding



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## Wanna bet?

► British betting houses have all the odds on the royal wedding, from Kate's dress to the couple's first dance

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While many Brits are moaning and groaning over the cost of the Royal Wedding, Britain's top betting houses are giving even the most disgruntled taxpayer a chance to make some mon-

ey off the big day. The bets range from safer — the sex of William and Kate's first child — to a bit more outrageous (will Kate leave her prince at the altar?). If she does indeed play runaway bride, the payoff could be quite nice as betting house William Hill puts the odds

of this at only 50:1.

Another royal long shot? That the couple will have their first dance to the Kings of Leon hit Sex on Fire, the odds of which are only 50:1, according to William Hill. The safest bet is for You're Beautiful by James Blunt at 5:1 odds.

The tabloids won't be



► Prince William and Kate Middleton

the only ones hoping for a slew of royal faux pas come April 29.

Ladbrokes places the odds of the Queen wearing a black hat to wedding at

only 25:1. Another bet says 14:1 that Kate will give birth to their first child in 2011, meaning she became pregnant before walking down the aisle.

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# Learning to be animated

► Hayden Panettiere tells of the joys of acting out new things ► Starring in flick Hoodwinked Too! Hood vs. Evil



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With her latest movie, Hayden Panettiere may now boast that she's portrayed Little Red Riding Hood but the actress insists that's not where her interest in fairy-tale characters ends.

"Every girl would kill to play Cinderella or Sleeping Beauty or Snow White," said Panettiere during a recent phone interview from Manhattan. "There are infinite possibilities."

Best-known for her role on TV's *Heroes*, Panettiere leads an ensemble voice cast in Friday's release of the animated-sequel *Hoodwinked Too! Hood Vs. Evil* — an irreverent comedy that places Red Riding Hood as a butt-kicking operative of the HEA (Happily Ever After) agency. When Hansel and Gretel mysteriously disappear, she heads out with her fabled family to rescue the missing tots.

"It's a little more risqué (than the first movie) but in a very well-thought through way," said Panettiere. "It's one of those films where the humour will translate to kids and

## Humour

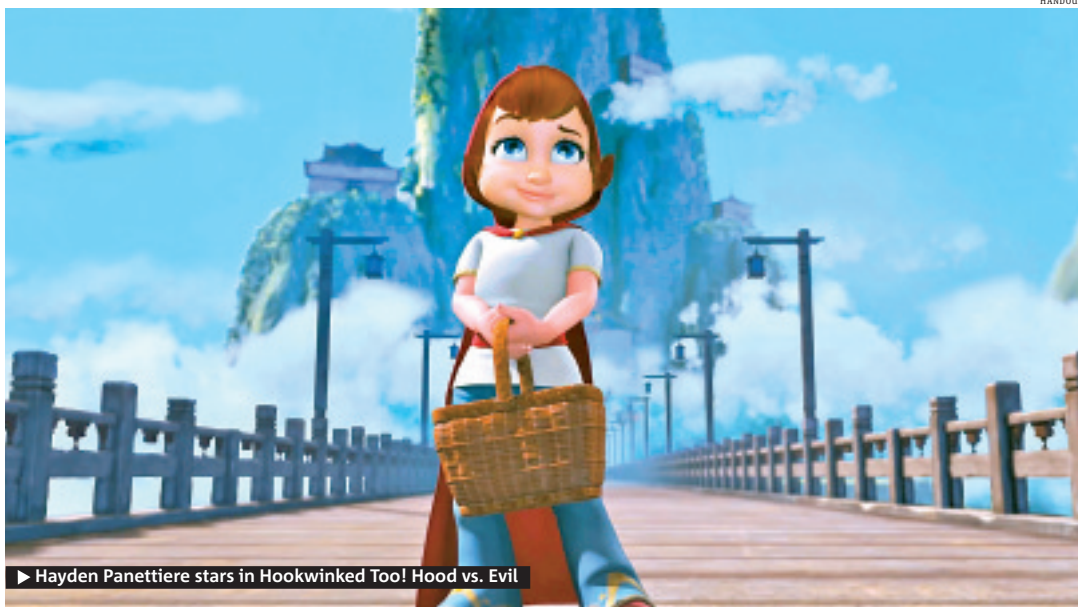
Hayden tells Metro her favourite joke.

**Quote:** "I think the giant at some point says, 'who in the Mother Goose is that?'," explained Panettiere of her favourite gag in the film. "You get what it means but its twisted a little bit and these more fantasy-driven ways of explaining (dialogue) — it's clever!"

also to adults. Some jokes will probably go over kids' heads but the adults will definitely appreciate it."

No stranger to voice acting, Panettiere hit the stage at age four where she soon lent her vocal talents to such animated classics as 1998's *A Bug Life* and 2000's *Dinosaur*. In fact, while her other pursuits (she currently also stars in *Scream 4*) are taking off, the 21-year old star insists she'll always keep animation opportunities in mind.

"With voice-acting, it's this different kind of acting where you don't have to have your physicality to convey emotion."



► Hayden Panettiere stars in Hoodwinked Too! Hood vs. Evil

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# Lindsay will work close to dead bodies

► Actress' community service to include doing time at Los Angeles coroner

While Lindsay Lohan is facing four months behind bars, she's also been ordered to complete 480 hours of community service — and 120 of those hours around dead bodies, according to People magazine.

Lohan will spend a portion of her community service time working for the Los Angeles coroner.

"She won't be handling any dead bodies but she'll certainly see them," coroner assistant chief Ed Winter tells the magazine.

Instead, Lohan will be handling janitorial tasks like emptying trash cans and cleaning floors and bathrooms. **METRO**



► Lindsay Lohan

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## Talking points

### Aguilera tries to get past flub

**A BAD JOKE** Christina Aguilera is doing her best to get passed her infamous Super Bowl gaffe, during which she sang the wrong lyrics during her performance of the Star-Spangled Banner.

"That night I knew, I just made myself a Trivial Pursuit question," she tells Ellen DeGeneres in a recent interview.

"In 2011, what female singer, ya know, flubbed the lyrics. It's just insane. But I have a really good laugh about it and you get over things. You get back up again and you just prove to yourself and to everyone you're that much stronger."

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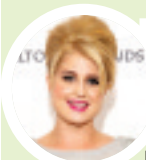
## Celebrity tweets



"Avoid vexatious people."



@TheRealNimoy



@MissKelly0

"My hearts in my mouth right now & my hands r

shaking because a pap almost drove me off the road if he hit us we would of ended up in the er"

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"Tina Fey, 5 months pregnant at 40 not showing and no one knew - boy, when she does a Sarah Palin impression, she really commits!"

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► The cold waters of the Pacific teem with colour and life under the surface in British Columbia. Some of the most beautiful parts of the province lie under the surface of the ocean, say divers, who come from around the world to explore the colourful marine life and underwater creatures that call the Pacific home.

# Go explore B.C.'s underwater wonders

## ► Canada's West Coast beauty is not limited to forests and mountains

From a crevice on the ocean floor, the prehistoric-looking face of a wolf eel emerges from the darkness, all bulging eyes and warts bobbing toward the camera.

Most divers off the coast of British Columbia consider an encounter with these pucker creatures one of the highlights of plying the waters off the West Coast of Canada. Sometimes called the "puppies" of the sea, described as among the friendliest creatures to be

encountered in the wild, eager to cuddle at popular dive sites where they have become accustomed to visitors from above the surface.

"They look mean, they look ugly but, just as long as you're careful, you can actually go and touch them, they will snuggle with you," says Paul Kennell, creator of CoolDives.com, a website dedicated to diving off the B.C. coast. "They're funny looking things but they're pretty gentle, generally."

Kennell has explored

oceans around the world in his 15 years of diving but reserves his best reviews for his home waters. The tropics are warmer, says Kennell, "but the diving is also nowhere near as exciting."

Lore has it that famed underwater explorer Jacques Cousteau proclaimed the waters off the coast of British Columbia the best cold-water diving in the world. Scuba Diving Magazine readers chose B.C. the No. 1 diving site in

North America last year.

"The diving around B.C. is amongst the best in the world," agrees Greg Dombowsky, curator of Dive.BC.ca and author of the Divers Guide Vancouver Island South.

The waters off the B.C. coast boast the giant Pacific octopus, the biggest sea stars and forests of giant sponges. Under the surface, the water teems with a rainbow of life, including anemones, sea cucumbers and coral. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

### If you go ...

- Tourism British Columbia's website ([hellobc.com](http://hellobc.com)) includes information on diving in the province, diving tours and practical tips for planning a vacation.
- CoolDives.com has information and online bookings for scuba diving trip.
- Dive.BC.ca is another website that has great information, photos and videos to help plan a trip.

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### Travel in brief



Some of the best pictures from the news in 2010, including award-winning images from Haiti, are going on display at the Newseum in Washington. The Pictures of the Year exhibit opens Friday. The Newseum says it includes Lady Gaga's first appearance in a Washington museum.

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Presley, Ali photos tell stories of two American icons at Pennsylvania museum

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# The forgotten National Park

► Waterton Lakes National Park in Alberta has the beauty of Jasper and Banff without the huge crowds

When it comes to tourist destinations, Waterton Lakes National Park may very well be Canada's best-kept secret.

Tucked away in the southwestern corner of Alberta, 180 kilometres from Calgary, Waterton attracts just 400,000 visitors a year despite the fact it is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, an International Peace Park and a Biosphere Reserve.

There are wildflowers and wildlife galore and the snowcapped Rocky Mountains suddenly rise out of the rolling Prairies as you arrive.

Waterton was Canada's fourth national park, created in 1895 and named after Waterton Lake. The lake is named after Victorian naturalist and conserva-

## If you go ...

- Waterton is 180 kilometres southwest of Calgary. If you are driving from the Calgary International Airport head south on Highway 2 down to Cardston. Turn right on Highway 5 and the road takes you directly to the park.
- The Wildflower Festival runs June 18 to 26; watertonwildflowers.com
- The Wildlife Festival runs September 23 to 25; trailofthegreatbear.com.

tionist Charles Waterton. The park contains 505 square kilometres of rugged mountains and wilderness and is seriously off the beaten path.

"When I first moved to Alberta and moved to Wa-

terton, nobody knew where it was and that includes people in Calgary. I would do trade shows. I was selling Waterton because nobody knew where it was," said Shameer Suleman, vice-president of the Waterton Chamber of Commerce.

The one thing that Waterton offers that Banff, Lake Louise and even Jasper National Parks cannot is peace and quiet.

That means it is the perfect getaway, especially for those wanting to spend time in a more tranquil setting.

"When I'm talking to a potential employee, I say it's what Banff was 30 or 40 years ago or Whistler was 30 or 40 years ago," said Suleman.

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► Cameron Lake in Waterton Lakes National Park. Waterton attracts 400,000 visitors a year and is a favourite location for hikers.



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# A perfect brunch

These recipes are ideal for when you entertain small and intimate groups

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Serves 6  
**Prep time:**  
5 mins.  
**Cooking:**  
12 mins.

► Homemade pesto allows for less fat and fewer calories.



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This Salmon with Pesto and Cream Cheese is an easy and delicious way to serve salmon.

I prefer to use homemade pesto, which has fewer calories and less fat

than store-bought pesto.

## Preparation:

- 1 Preheat the oven to 425°F. Line a rimmed baking sheet with foil and lightly coat with cooking spray.
- 2 For the pesto, place all the ingredients in the

bowl of a food processor and purée until smooth. Add more water if too thick.

- 3 Combine the cream cheese and pesto in a small bowl until smooth.
- 4 Make a small vertical slit on the top of each salmon fillet to within 1/4 inch of each end and about 1/2 inch deep.

Stuff each fillet by dividing the pesto filling between the 6 fillets.

- 5 Arrange spinach, cucumber and olives on a large serving platter. Top with roasted vegetables.
- 6 Place on the prepared baking sheet and bake for 10 minutes per inch of thickness. Garnish with toasted nuts before serving.

## Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 lb salmon fillet, cut into 6 fillets (about 4 oz. each)
- 1/4 cup low-fat cream cheese (about 2 oz), softened
- 2 Tbsp pesto
- 2 Tbsp toasted pine nuts (or almonds)

## Pesto

- 1 cup fresh basil leaves
- 2 Tbsp grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 Tbsp toasted pine nuts
- 2 Tbsp light cream cheese, softened
- 1 tsp finely chopped garlic
- 3 Tbsp chicken stock (or vegetable stock or water)
- 2 Tbsp olive oil

## Warm Spinach Salad



This salad must be served warm so the cheese softens over the warmed mushrooms.

go in a serving bowl. Pour dressing over salad and toss. Serve immediately. **ROSE REISMAN**

## Preparation:

- 1 Lightly coat a nonstick skillet with cooking spray and sauté mushrooms over medium heat for about 8 minutes, or just until no longer wet and slightly browned. Keep warm.
- 2 Prepare dressing by whisking olive oil, balsamic vinegar, mayo, honey, garlic, mustard, salt and pepper.
- 3 Place spinach, sautéed mushrooms and Asia-

## Ingredients:

- Salad**
- 3 cups oyster mushrooms, sliced in half
  - 8 cups baby spinach
  - 1/2 cup shredded Asiago (or Parmesan) cheese
- Dressing**
- 2 Tbsp olive oil
  - 1 Tbsp balsamic vinegar
  - 1 Tbsp light mayonnaise
  - 2 tsp honey
  - 1/2 tsp finely chopped garlic
  - 1/2 tsp Dijon mustard
  - pinch of salt and pepper

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# Think before you tweet

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"Chrysler Group and its brands do not tolerate inappropriate language or behaviour,

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So read Chrysler's press release following the dismissal of an employee at its public relations firm who mistakenly tweeted on Chrysler's account that no one in Detroit knows how to drive.

In many respects, that example signals a growing trend: employees tweeting "casually" about their lives not realizing that what they say on Twitter has workplace-related consequences. Here are some common areas of concern.

\* Spending an inordinate amount of time using Twitter at work for non-business-related purposes is tantamount to theft of an employer's time, which can be cause for dismissal.

\* Comments posted on Twitter can link the author to her employer, even though no connection is intended. Contact information on Twitter accounts often includes a place of work, and therefore employees who tweet objectionable or defamatory material may be mistakenly perceived as having done so for their employer, which is exactly what happened in the Chrysler case above. Because of this, employers have a right to monitor their employees' tweets, even when they are made outside of business hours.

\* Criminal laws can also be invoked if employees harass or intimidate co-

workers through Twitter. These employees can end up surfing the classifieds for a criminal defence lawyer, as well as for a new job. Further, since courts have used blog or Facebook

# Dreaming in green

► The WWF is rewarding schools willing and ready to prioritize the planet

AWWF is helping to grow young environmental leaders across Canada with its Green Community School Grants Program,

six rounds of funding over three years, schools can apply each spring and winter season through 2012 for grants of up to

repair shop to a biodiversity garden. The program is open to any student or teacher with a green dream for their school or

ration for what your school can do? Chances are you don't need to look any further than your own community. These grants have funded 59 projects to date in communities small and large, from P.E.I. to the Northwest Territories.

Hampton High in New Brunswick, for example, created a sustainable fishing and angling club. Teacher and project lead Hardy Cameron calls it an education in sustainability using fishing as the hook to engage students.

Projects are springing up in Canada's western provinces as well. Tom Baines School in Calgary, Alberta, has done some amazing work since deciding to perform a garbage audit a few months ago.

The audit showed where the school could improve its current recycling program and the grant will help purchase super-sorter, multi-compartment bins that allow more effective separation of plastics, paper and bottles or cans.

Another great result of the Green Community School Grants Program sprouts directly from its source. The program is supported by partial proceeds from Loblaw Companies' national charge-for-plastic shopping bag program, which both funds green initiatives and helps reduce the number of plastic shopping bags in landfills.

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posts as grounds to uphold discipline, they will have little difficulty construing tweets in the same manner.

\* Also, unlike general Internet use, which is private, Twitter posts do not simply disappear. Tweets containing offensive comments, pictures or links to stories become incontrovertible evidence of an employee's behaviour. Like an email, a tweet can be traced back to the originator, long after the fact.

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- Winners will be announced in: December 2011..



# NFL needs time to 'sort this out'

Lockout has turned into limbo for NFL players and owners, and everyone is stuck there for the time being.

"It drives me insane, that's what it does," said Chicago's J'Marcus Webb, who was told he and a handful of other Bears couldn't use the team's weight room yesterday.

"What's up with that? Let me get back to what I do best."

That could take a while. The 2011 season, and the business between teams and their anxious players, is on hold. With more court fights and appeals expected, the NFL said it needed "a few days to sort this out."

At least the draft will be

held this week, even if free agency and personnel swaps are up in the air.

In one of the oddest days in NFL history, players showed up at team headquarters and most were told that they were welcome to enter as long as they didn't participate in any sort of "football activities." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



► Steelers players Ryan Clark, left, and Charlie Batch arrive at the team's training facility in Pittsburgh yesterday.

# Preds' focus goes beyond first-round

► Upstarts out of Nashville have visions of playing deep into spring

The Nashville Predators are happy after winning their first playoff series in their sixth try, but also far from satisfied.

Nobody remembers who wins in the first round, defenceman Ryan Suter said, so there's no time for the Predators to start celebrating.

"If we win the Stanley Cup, then sure," Suter said.

The small-market team in the non-traditional hockey market has bigger goals.

"Now we're making history," coach Barry Trotz said. "We're a young franchise that is trying to go deep."

Trotz gave the Predators the day off Monday following a physical and bruising opening series against the

Anaheim Ducks. Nashville closed it out with a 4-2 win in Game 6 on Sunday and now has to wait to see if it will play at Vancouver or Detroit.

The Predators are playing even better than they did in finishing off the regular season.

They closed the season with a flourish, averaging 3.33 goals in the final 15 games, and carried it over to the playoffs. Nashville scored 22 goals in six games against Anaheim.

The Predators got six points from Mike Fisher and five from Shea Weber. They also got a career-best five points from Jordin Tootoo, who had assists on the winning goals in Games 5 and 6. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



► Nashville's Nick Spaling, centre, Shea Weber and goalie Pekka Rinne celebrate after eliminating the Anaheim Ducks Sunday night.

# Tiger to miss a few weeks with knee injury

Tiger Woods has a minor injury to his left knee and Achilles tendon that will keep him out of the Wells Fargo Championship next week.

Woods said on his website yesterday he hurt himself hitting a shot during

**11th** Tiger Woods won at Quail Hollow in 2007 and had never finished worse than 11th until missing the cut last year.

the third round of the Masters. It's the fourth time he

has missed a tournament due to his left knee. Woods did not say when he might return, but he hopes to be back in a few weeks.

"This is precautionary. We're not at all concerned," said his agent Mark Steinberg. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## Sports in brief

### Raonic moves on in Portugal

**TENNIS.** Canadian Milos Raonic won his opening match at the Estoril Open yesterday, over Russian Igor Andreev 6-4, 6-4 to set up a second-round contest with a Portugal's Joao Sousa.

**THE CANADIAN PRESS**

### Dodgers owner to meet with league

**MLB.** L.A. Dodgers owner Frank McCourt said he will travel to New York to meet with MLB executives today about the appointment of a monitor to run the team. MLB seized his team after it was reported he arranged a \$30-million US loan to meet payroll.

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## Quoted



**"We put ourselves in this position, we gotta stay alive."**

**SAN ANTONIO POWER FORWARD TIM DUNCAN, WHOSE NO. 1-SEEDED SPURS ARE DOWN 3-1 IN THEIR FIRST-ROUND SERIES AGAINST THE MEMPHIS GRIZZLIES GOING INTO GAME 5 TONIGHT.**

**"As I've always said, it doesn't matter who is the better team during the regular season. When you get to the playoffs, each series you have to be the better team."**

**GRIZZLIES COACH LIONEL HOLLINS.**



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## Engine options

All three of the Durango's trim levels — SXT, Crew Plus and Citadel — arrive with a 290-horsepower 3.6-litre V6.

Available on all but the base model is a 360-horsepower 5.7-litre "Hemi" V8 that deactivates half of its cylinders under cruise, coast and deceleration conditions, helping it achieve fuel-economy ratings of 16.6 l/100 km in city driving and 10.1 on the highway.

## More space

Modifications on the 2011 Durango include extending the distance between the front and rear wheels by nearly 13 centimetres and overall length by 25 centimetres to allow space for a third-row seat.

The new Durango is now closely similar to the previous version, but is much easier to enter and exit due to its considerably less truck-like ride height.

## Towing

Towing capacities will give the Durango's competitors a run for their money, especially V8 models that can pull up to 3,265 kilograms worth of boat, horse or vacation trailer.

V6 units offer a 2,800-kilogram towing capacity, which is more than the old Durango's base 3.7-litre V6 or optional 4.7-litre V8.

All-wheel-drive is standard, but exact system depends on engine choice.



▶ Although it's on the same platform as the new Jeep Grand Cherokee, the Dodge Durango does a great job of being its own big wagon. How can you not love the styling?

## Durango applies for reinstatement into SUV club



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Once left for dead, the Dodge Durango has made a surprising comeback for 2011, after a two-year absence.

Still, it faces an uncertain future as steadily rising fuel costs could derail its return before it really gets off the ground.

Chrysler has redesigned or reformulated most of its 2011 product lineup and nowhere is that more evident than in the Durango.

The model was considered dead and buried by late 2008, but clearly Dodge had other plans.

They included building the big sport ute on a modified Jeep Grand Cherokee

## Dodge Durango

**What you should know about the 2011 Dodge Durango:**

▶ **Types:** Four-door, all-wheel-drive, seven-passenger

platform that's also being employed in the next-generation Mercedes-Benz M-

sport utility vehicle.

▶ **Engine (hp):** 3.6-litre DOHC V6 (290); 5.7-litre OHV V8 (360).

▶ **Transmission:** Five-speed automatic.

▶ **Stats:** L/100 km (city/hwy) 13.0/8.9 (3.6).

Class.

The redesign has resulted in the best-looking Du-

rango since the brand's 1998-model-year arrival.

Certainly there will always be a need for the power and passenger capacity offered by the Dodge Durango.

However it remains to be seen if a two-year absence will affect its ability to make friends among the changing New World Order of sport ute fanatics.

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## AUTO PILOT



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**Lots of all-new and semi-new vehicles made their debuts at this week's New York Auto Show.**

Many addressed the gas price thing head on. And if they didn't, they stood out like a sore thumb.

Lucky thing for those "sore thumb" types, however, that they look pretty darn cool, and in some cases, break-your-heart cool. So it's hard to stay mad at them.

Witness the new 2012 Chrysler 300 SRT8 with a new HEMI V8 rated at 465 hp and 465 lb-ft of torque, and the new 2012 Jaguar XKR-S, with 550 hp and a top speed of 186 mph.

The Scion FR-S Concept is a little more socially responsible, with its flat-four engine, but it's still more geared toward outright joy than outright fuel economy.

But now on to some random thoughts on "The Other Guys," the NY debuts that have some new weaponry, to battle the high-gas-price forces.

### Balancing power with fuel efficiency

Used to be, every time a car got redesigned, it ended up being bigger, heavier and more powerful — which always hurt the fuel efficiency cause. These days, automakers are holding back the power increases to make sure their vehicles hit certain fuel efficiency targets. In the U.S. the mag-



► Behold the Scion FR-S Concept, which was on display at the New York Auto Show.

ic fuel efficiency number seems to be 40 mpg (about 5.9 L/100 km). At New York, we welcomed three more new models into the elite 40-mpg club — 2012 Honda Civic HF, 2012 Kia Rio Sedan and 2012 Mazda3.

The new 2012 Versa Sedan, also introduced at New York, is not far behind, at 37 mpg.

**Auto-start is staring up**  
The new Rio employs an

auto-start system, which shuts the engine down whenever it is at idle, and immediately starts the engine as soon the brake pedal is released. Another show debutant, the newly revised 2012 Chevrolet Malibu, also gets this feature.

While it has been prevalent in Europe for a few years now, North America is just starting to get with

the auto-start program. Expect lots of cars to get this gas-saving feature in the coming months, and years.

**Big vehicle, small motor**  
Americans have spoken. They will mostly remain in the vehicle size they have now, even if gas prices are scary. Going down a vehicle size is not an option for them, because they have big highways, big stuff to haul around, and generally

big bodies. So they're looking for more efficient powertrain options in those generously sized vehicles.

Ford is right on this case, first introducing a 4-cylinder option in the Explorer, and now adding this same 2.0-litre turbo engine option to the newly-revised 2012 Taurus line (which had its coming out party at New York).

### Small car chic

We're continuing to see more small cars that are more than just cheap transportation.

They're also cool to look at and cool to drive.

The new VW Beetle was simultaneously introduced at the New York and Shanghai auto shows, and eschews a bit of cuteness for more sporty pretensions. Okay by me.

The Fiat 500C, a convertible-like version of the 500, also broke cover at New York, and, just looking at it, makes me want to down a cappuccino.

# A used hatchback from across the pond

## SECOND GEAR



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With the intention of answering thousands of shoppers screaming for European product in Canadian showrooms, GM started re-badging the Opel Astra with a Saturn badge

and shipping units over from across the pond for the 2008 model year.

The resulting Saturn Astra was a 3 or 5-door hatchback with four-cylinder power and front-wheel drive that largely hit the mark where ride quality, handling, interior execution and styling were concerned. Thing is, right as Astra was gearing up to be a hit, a recession, bankruptcy protection and a storm of

### What's the 4-1-1

- **Model:** 2008 to 2009 Saturn Astra
- **Vehicle Type:** 3 or 5-door hatchback
- **Approximate used price range:** \$9,000 to \$14,000

economic nastiness befell the automaker, and the subsequent decision to give the Saturn brand its pink slip killed the Astra off after

just two model years.

Looking for a 2008 or 2009 Astra? All models got a 1.8-litre, four-cylinder ECOTEC engine paired with a four-speed automatic or the recommended five-speed manual. The manual gearbox offers the most opportunity for drivers to maximize Astra's 138 horsepower.

Astra was sold in a basic "XE" trim level, and a more loaded "XR" model, too.



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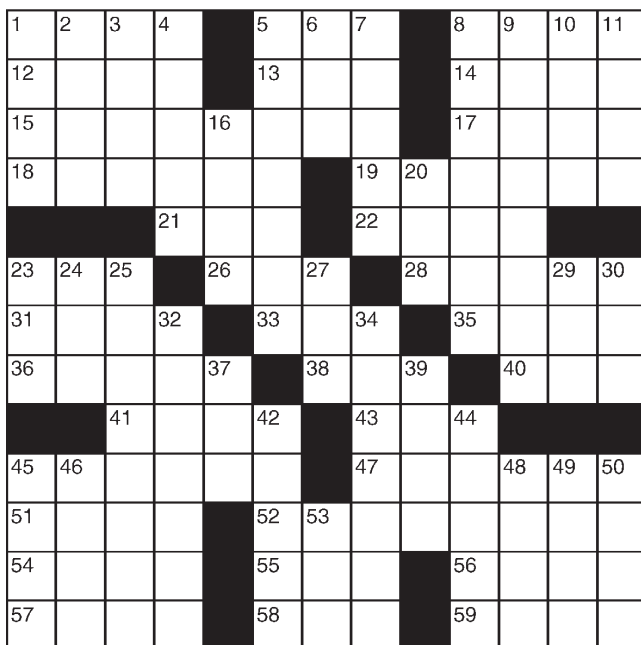
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5 Drunkard  
8 MacDonald's place  
12 Year-end celebration  
13 Lawyers' org.  
14 Dunkable treat  
15 Hiker's energy source  
17 Bellow  
18 Mingle (with)  
19 Sequentially  
21 Pitching stat  
22 Replaces divots  
23 Fool  
26 Wet wriggler  
28 Handle skillfully  
31 Comestibles  
33 Lair  
35 Inside picture?  
36 Potato, for one  
38 Have a bug  
40 That woman  
41 Harvest  
43 Mai — (cocktail)  
45 Asian capital  
47 Buccaneer  
51 Brewery products  
52 Temporary solution  
54 French meat entree  
55 Trojans' sch.  
56 Sea eagle  
57 Charon's river  
58 "A mouse!"  
59 Iditarod team

### Down

- 1 Legend  
2 Modern money  
3 Thick chunk  
4 River through Paris  
5 Did a springy Brazil-  
ian dance  
6 Japanese sash  
7 Urban fleet  
8 New Jersey base  
9 Wake-up calls  
10 Ca-boose's place  
11 Early hours  
16 Traditional tales  
20 Promptly  
23 Astern  
24 Not worth a —  
25 AA goal  
27 Meadow  
29 — di-dah  
30 Coloring agent  
32 Discard



- 34 Argue over trifles  
37 "Norma —"  
39 Secular  
42 Irritate  
44 Annoyed  
45 Sailors  
46 Greatly  
48 Roundish do  
49 Chime sound  
50 Former partners  
53 Work with

### ► Yesterday's answer



## Today's horoscope

**♈ Aries** March 21-April 20 You need to be a lot more flexible, especially in your career.

**♉ Taurus** April 21-May 21 The emotional bruises you get today will be balanced by the knowledge that they're helping you in some way.

**♊ Gemini** May 22-June 21 You will have a profound effect on those around you today.

**♋ Cancer** June 22-July 22 You will be tempted to have words with those who only seem to complain. Why don't you?

**♌ Leo** July 23-Aug. 23 Put your mind to it and you'll find ways to make sense of something that didn't make sense before.

**♍ Virgo** Aug. 24-Sept. 22 It's okay to be outspoken but don't expect others to just sit there and take it.

**♎ Libra** Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Make an effort to get along with others. You'll accomplish a lot.

**♏ Scorpio** Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Stop trying to make it appear as if you're in control of every and every situation.

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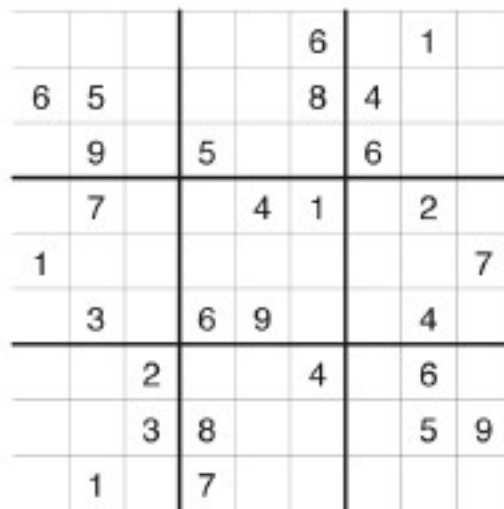
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